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SUBJ: SUSPENSION OF SERVICE TO TAIPEI BY PANAM

REF: NAHA 0413

1. WILLIAM WANG, LOCAL PANAM REP, TOLD ECON COUN
AUGUST 25 THAT PANAM WILL SUSPEND SERVICE IN TAIPEI
AUGUST 30 UNLESS US COURT OF APPEALS GRANTS STAY OF
ORDER NEGATING PANAM/TWA ROUTE SWAP OR UNLESS PANAM
CAN WORK OUT SOME ARRANGEMENT WITH TWA TO CONTINUE TO
PROVIDE SERVICE WHILE CASE IS BEING REVIEWED.

2. WANG STATED THAT HE HAS SUGGESTED TO PANAM IN
NEW YORK THAT IN EVENT STAY IS NOT GRANTED GUAM-OKINAWA-
TAIWAN-HONG KONG ROUTE BE RECERTIFICATED TO TWA. SINCE
TWA IS IN NO POSITION TO SERVICE ROUTE ON SUCH SHORT
NOTICE, PANAM WOULD CONTINUE TO OFFER SERVICE UNDER
"WET LEASE" ARRANGEMENT WITH TWA.

3. LOCALLY THIS WOULD REQUIRE EMBASSY NOTIFYING
DGCA OF DESIGNATION OF TWA ON GUM-OKA-TPE-HKG ROUTE
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VICE PANAM. THERE IS NO REASON TO BELIEVE THAT

DGCA WOULD OBJECT.

4. EMBASSY IS IN NO POSITION TO COMMENT ON THE PRACTICALITY OF WANG'S SUGGESTION IN THE EVENT PANAM IS FORCED TO SUSPEND SERVICE. IT WOULD LIKE TO POINT OUT, HOWEVER, THAT IF PANAM DOES SUSPEND SERVICE AND NO ALTERNATE ARRANGEMENT IS FOUND, HUNDREDS OF PASSENGERS WHO HAVE CONFIRMED BOOKINGS ON PANAM FLIGHTS FROM TAIPEI AFTER AUGUST 30 WOULD BE GREATLY INCONVENIENCED. PANAM CARRIES A LARGE PERCENTAGE OF TPE-OKA TRAFFIC AND IS ONLY US CARRIER OPERATING OKA-GUM-HNL TO CONUS.

5. EMBASSY WOULD APPRECIATE BEING KEPT INFORMED OF DEVELOPMENTS IN THIS CASE TO ENABLE IT TO RESPOND INTELLIGENTLY TO ANY QUESTIONS FROM GROC AND/OR PRESS.
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